**Explanation of Gap of Employment**

Between 2007 and 2011, I have been a stay-home mom to two young children. As a single child who grew up in China, I treasured and valued the fleeting early years of both of my kids. I chose to stay home with them before they entered Kindergarten. Once my younger child was four and stated Pre-Kindergarten, I came back to UMF in pursuit of a teaching degree starting in 2012. Since then, I have volunteered and substituted in local schools, including Sweatt Winter Child Care, W.G. Mallett School, and Mt. Blue Middle School.